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Mr. Walt Novak
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Manti LaSal National Forest
599 West Price River Road
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Novak:

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine Special Use Areas Sediment Control.
Genwal Coal Co. ACT/015/032. Emery County. Utah.

This letter serves to reiterate the environmental concern that I expressed while inspecting the Crandall Canyon Mine (March 11, 1992). This concern pertains to an area that is within a Forest Service Special-Use Permit and is subject to Forest Service approval for construction.

I spoke with you on Thursday, March 12, 1992 to report the condition of the silt fence at the "trailhead" site. The design consists of a pad supported by a berm of boulders and faced with a silt fence. The silt fence was holding sediment almost to the top of the fabric. The capacity of the fence was definitely exceeded and the next storm event would probably cause offsite degradation. The design of the silt fence and its installation should be inspected by Forest Service personnel.

Currently, the "trailhead" is not in the DOGM permitted, disturbed area and therefore no design information is found in the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). Has the design of the pad expansion and sediment control been incorporated into the Forest Service Special Use Permit? The Division would appreciate receiving all updates to the three special use permits that we have in Chapter 2 of the MRP. In the MRP, Genwal Coal Co. has the following FS Special Use Permits:

1.5 acres adjacent to the eastern boundary of Federal Coal Lease SL-062648

0.1 acres for snow storage and summer parking at west end of the mine facilities pad (F.S. trailhead)

0.9 acres for storage of topsoil stockpiles along the length of the haulroad

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Since approval of construction and control of offsite degradation is covered in all Forest Service permits, I felt obligated to report these issues to you. If you would like to speak with me further, you can reach me at 538-5341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Priscilla Burton".

Priscilla Burton
Reclamation Soils Specialist

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